



officers, paralegals and prosecutors aim to ensure the legislation is interpreted accurately and truly protects complainants' rights.

We are helping civil society organizations, such as the Afghan Women's Network, strengthen their skills in order to better advocate for the rights of women and girls.

In addition to the many other difficulties they face, Afghan women who want to leave abusive relationships are often ostracized by their families and must become financially independent. Canada is helping these women gain job skills, particularly in agriculture and entrepreneurship.

Information sessions are offered to religious and community leaders to raise their awareness of the risks entailed by child, early and forced marriage.

More and more Afghans recognize that violence-free families are healthier, better educated and more prosperous. With the support of society as a whole, women and girls will be empowered for the good of all.